

Subject Treated Seed  
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### Overview

This bill would define the term “systemic pesticide” for purposes of state seed law and require the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to develop a regulatory program for seed treated with a systemic pesticide.

### Summary

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| 1 | <b>Systemic pesticide.</b><br>Defines “systemic pesticide” for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 21 (Seeds) to mean a pesticide designed to be absorbed by plants and translocated throughout plant tissue, including certain named pesticides and other pesticides that MDA determines to be systemic.   |
| 2 | <b>Systemic pesticide-treated seed program.</b><br>Requires MDA to develop a systemic pesticide-treated seed regulatory program that protects human health and the environment and includes specified elements such as formal, written verification of need prior to use unless systemic pesticide-treated seed is the only commercially available option.          |
| 3 | <b>Systemic pesticide-treated seed alternatives account.</b><br>Establishes a new account in the agricultural fund and appropriates any money in the account to the University of Minnesota for research and outreach regarding nonchemical pest prevention alternatives to systemic pesticide-treated seed. Authorizes the University to award competitive grants. |
| 4 | <b>Appropriation; systemic pesticide-treated seed program.</b><br>Appropriates an unspecified, onetime amount from the general fund to MDA to implement the program required under section 2.   |

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5	<p data-bbox="316 262 1429 294"><b>Appropriation; systemic pesticide-treated seed alternatives account.</b></p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1429 382">Appropriates an unspecified, onetime amount from the general fund for deposit in the new systemic pesticide-treated seed alternatives account.</p>



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